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**The Richard and Marianne Kreider Endowed Professor in Nursing for Vulnerable Populations
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Dr. Rice is an expert in community-based practice with a focus on gun violence, youth mental health, and health equity.

Biography

Dr. (Brawner) Rice began her nursing career in neonatal intensive care at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She has since expanded her work to community-based practice. A recognized behavioral health and intervention development expert, she has worked on a myriad of HIV/STI risk reduction programs both locally and internationally for youth with mental illnesses and difficulties with emotion regulation. More recently, her methodological advances have been applied to address multiple health inequities (e.g., youth mental health service utilization, cardiovascular disease risk among young Black men, gun violence) where she uses novel approaches including mixed methods research and GIS mapping. Cognizant of the role of geography in health, her spatially-based research explicates and intervenes in factors such as neighborhood disadvantage to prevent disease and promote health equity. Dr. Rice does this community-engaged work in close collaboration with key community members (e.g., youth, faith-based institutions, and policymakers). She is a staunch justice advocate who believes that research can be leveraged as an advocacy tool to ensure all individuals have an opportunity to achieve their full health potential. She is also the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Dr. Bridgette Executive Consulting, LLC where she works with individuals and organizations to promote the engagement and retention of racial and ethnic minoritized groups in health-related fields.

Areas of Expertise

Adolescent Mental Health, Behavioral Health, Community & Public Health Nursing, Gun Violence, Health Equity, HIV & AIDS and Mental Health, Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention, Social Justice and Equity, Substance Abuse

Education

Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra
Community Health Language Immersion Practicum

Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University
MDiv

University of Pennsylvania
PhD Nursing Science

University of Pennsylvania

MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Advance Practice Nursing; Speciality: Child and Family Therapy

Villanova University

BSN Nursing, Psychology, and Spanish

Select Accomplishments

Fellow, American Academy of Nursing

2022

International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN) Diversity and Equity Award

2021

Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

2021

Visiting Research Fellow

Yale University Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars (REIDS), New Haven, CT, 2011-2013

Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow

Offices of the Provost and School of Nursing Dean University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA , 2009-2012

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